

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 975

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Glenn McNish upon receiving two prestigious honors as a sports broadcaster.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as professionals and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Glenn McNish, the longtime voice of the Lenoir City High School Panthers, is one such noteworthy person who is worthy of our approbation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNish recently received the George L. Hunter Distinguished Service Award from the East Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame and, on August 21, 2012, he will be inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of his outstanding career as a sports announcer; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, he was inducted into the Lenoir City Sports Hall of Fame in 2005; and

WHEREAS, beginning his broadcasting career at the tender age of fourteen, Glenn McNish first worked at Fulton High School's in-house radio station, where he learned about all aspects of radio programming, including play-by-play sports announcing; and

WHEREAS, after working for and learning from the voice of the Tennessee Volunteers, George Mooney, Mr. McNish began his exemplary tenure at WLIL in Lenoir City, while also attending the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, he began working Lenoir City High School football and basketball games as a play-by-play announcer for WLIL AM and, forty-six years later, he is still excelling at his chosen profession, having only missed three games in the interim; and

WHEREAS, fifty years into his radio career, Glenn McNish is still famous for the legendary Broadcast From the Tree game which featured two highly ranked and undefeated teams, Lenoir City versus Kingston, and Mr. McNish surreptitiously calling the action from high atop a nearby tree; and

WHEREAS, driven by hope, curiosity, and the possibility of witnessing greatness on the field of play, Glenn McNish plans to celebrate his fiftieth anniversary as the voice of the Lenoir City Panthers in a few years; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Glenn McNish for his dynamic and dedicated service as the play-by-play radio announcer for the Lenoir City High School Panthers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Glenn McNish upon his receipt of the George L. Hunter Distinguished Service Award and his induction into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, commend his brilliant fifty-year career in sports broadcasting, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.